

*Wimborne's Cathedral - 1300 years old and known as the Minster.*

***Dallas Area Tandem Enthusiasts***

**1<sup>st</sup> EVER**

***International Tandem Tour***

**JUNE - JULY 2007**

***English Castles and Gardens***

***With optional bonus: Stay in London after our tour and see the prologue and maybe the first stage of the Tour de France!***

**Organized by John McManus & Brenda Cole (DATES & CTC)  
Planned and led by Chris & Jenny Davison (CTC)**

**See complete description & full details in following pages**

**Grayson County Spring Thaw Ride (No-Drop and more)**

Saturday March 4, 2006

Denison, TX

- Date:** Saturday, March 4th 2006
- Time:** Meet at 9:30, ride at 10:00 am
- Where:** Loy Lake Park – Corner of Hwy 75 & Loy Lake Road (exit #67), Denison, TX
- Distances:** Approximately 26, 41 & 62
- Ride Hosts:** Charlie & Pat Jenkins: [dates@ntsk8.com](mailto:dates@ntsk8.com)  
903.463.1516 (home), 903.624.9744 (cell)



Join Charlie & Pat Jenkins for a relaxing ride, mostly on lightly traveled rural Grayson County roads. The initial 18 miles will be **NO-DROP**. After 18 miles, choose your distance & ride at your desired pace.

This will allow everyone the opportunity to ride with everyone, even someone that may not be your speed (maybe someone you have NEVER ridden with before).

If you have never ridden in rural Grayson County, you are in for a treat (and maybe a few surprises). We have an abundance of lightly traveled country roads. Sometimes this means miles & miles with no cars! But, where there are no cars, there are also no stores, convenience marts or anywhere else to *refuel* or other necessities. So, be prepared

to carry water, sports drink, snacks, etc. We will provide a supply of these at the start. There will be at least one convenience store, but don't expect more. We will go through a couple small sections of town, but not much.

After the ride plan to join us at the **Jalapeno Tree** for "Crazy Good" Mexican food.

As we all know, the weather can & often will change with little or no notice. We've already seen 2 rides cancelled this year because of adverse weather. We will plan to ride in "most" weather conditions. If the weather is questionable, you may always call us at: 903.463.1516 (home) or 903.624.9744 (cell). I have additional information & will have any last minute updates or changes posted at: <http://www.nts8.com/DatesRideInfo.html>

Directions: Hwy 75 North to exit # 67 (Loy Lake Road, in Denison). Go West (Left) on Loy Lake Rd, under 75 & take the 1<sup>st</sup> right (immediately west of 75) – entrance into Loy Lake Park / Frontier Village, then left towards the lake.

RSVP's are always appreciated, although not required. Most important...show up & ride!

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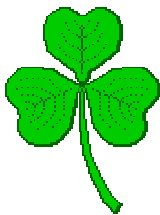
Mon-Fri 9:30-7:00  
Saturday 9:30-6:00  
Tuesday 9:30-8:00

***Westward Ho!***  
**Sunday March 12, 2006**  
**Fort Worth, TX**



**Date:** Sunday, March 12th 2006  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Where:** Wells Fargo Bank - 101 Jim Wright Fwy N, Fort Worth, TX 76108  
**Distance:** 30 or 50 miles, with longer options available  
**Ride Hosts:** Ronnie & Nanette Bryant, [RonnieRBryant@hotmail.com](mailto:RonnieRBryant@hotmail.com) 817 680-9404

Join Ronnie & Nanette for this ride that snakes along Lake Worth and through some rolling country roads of Parker County. Distances of 30 and 50 miles with longer options available. The ride starts at the parking lot of the Wells Fargo Bank at the southeast corner of Loop 820 and White Settlement Road in western Fort Worth. Maps will be provided.



***St. Patrick's Day Ride 2006***  
**Sunday, March 19 – 9:00 a.m.**  
**Lancaster Town Square**



Join Team HudsonCroy for the almost annual St. Patrick's Day Ride. Meet at Lancaster Town Square, located at Highway 342 and Main Street in Lancaster, TX. We haven't scouted the route yet, but our cue sheet from last year had routes of 25, 41 or 60 miles. Barring major construction or other such hazard, that's what it will be again. These are nice routes with relatively low traffic and varied scenery. And of course, we'll follow tradition and celebrate St Pat with lunch at Benevides after the ride. Call Bruce or Carol at 214-320-8708 (cell: 214-674-2610) for additional information or if the weather is inclement that morning.



***Stoker Appreciation Ride XIII***  
**Saturday & Sunday, April 1 & 2 – 8:00 a.m.**  
**Weatherford, TX**



SAR XIII set to roll April Fool's Day! Lovely, no traffic rural route with wild flowers, great folks, happy stokers, heap big fun! We'll meet at the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce building (the old Santa Fe Depot) at 8:00AM, pack the SAG and head out around 8:30, or when ever the stokers are ready. Lunch will be at "Let's Eat" in Bluffdale. Group dinner, champagne and "Stoker Poetry" (tm) Saturday evening. Sunday morning return. Around 62 miles each day.

There's still time to get in on this DATES classic! RSVP, questions: call, email or smoke signals to: Tom Shaddox - [res1rrzj@verizon.net](mailto:res1rrzj@verizon.net) or 972-517-4534

**April 2006 DATES-LINE Schedule:**

**Mailed by: March 30, 2006 - Notices & Articles due by: March 26, 2006**



**Southwest Tandem Rally 2006**

April 28 – 30, 2006

Lake Murray Lodge in Ardmore, Oklahoma.



The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual SouthWest Tandem Rally returns to Lake Murray Lodge, near Ardmore in scenic Southern Oklahoma, halfway between Dallas & Oklahoma City. Gear up for three days of challenging, fun riding on picturesque low traffic paved roads. Enjoy socializing with tandem friends old & new. Plan now to experience the tandem rally that just gets better each & every year.

A “One-Of-A-Kind” SWTRally Tyvek vest or jacket is also included with your registration. See website for example & pictures. This year, we will have more of the fun bike games on Saturday. In-depth rally information via the SouthWest Tandem Rally website at: <http://www.doubledates.com/swtr2006.html>.

**Registration:**

- \$200 per tandem team, received by April 7
    - Note: Registration is on a first come, first served basis and is limited to 125 teams
    - Contact Charlie & Pat Jenkins for registration → 903-463-1516 or [swtr@ntsk8.com](mailto:swtr@ntsk8.com)
- Registration forms, online registration, and complete details available at: <http://www.doubledates.com/SWTR2006/index.htm>

**Rally Headquarters:**

- Lake Murray Lodge will serve as the headquarters. Bike storage is available at the lodge.

**Reservations** (be sure to mention: SouthWest Tandem Rally):

- Lake Murray Lodge: 1-800-257-0322 or [www.oklahomaparks.com](http://www.oklahomaparks.com)
  - Lodge rooms are \$55 per night + tax.
  - Cabins sleep 2-8 and range from \$48 to \$165 per night.
  - Campsites with full hookups may also be reserved: 580-223-4044
- Lake Murray bed and berth floating villas: 580-223-0088 or [www.oklahomabedandberth.com](http://www.oklahomabedandberth.com)

Rick and Kay Watson are the rally organizers and welcome your questions or comments at:

[cw7540@cablone.net](mailto:cw7540@cablone.net) or 580-223-8180,  
3891 McClain Road, Ardmore, Oklahoma 73401

The Watson's have been involved in tandeming for nearly 20 years and organized the two previous SWTR events at Lake Murray, as well as other cycling events, including the Red River Road Kill Rally (now in it's 13<sup>th</sup> year).



# *English Castles and Gardens*

## *International Tandem Tour*

**JUNE - JULY 2007**

**John McManus & Brenda Cole / Chris & Jenny Davison**

### DESCRIPTION

Our classic tandem cycle tour of one of the loveliest parts of the UK has everything. Country lanes take you through charming villages on low traffic roads. At every turn you will find a new gem to explore. You will cycle from a tiny 10<sup>th</sup> Century chapel to a towering 1000 year old cathedral. We offer you a happy fusion of great back road cycling and the time to enjoy the history and beauty of the scenery.

Your tour leaders will be Chris and Jenny Davison from Dorset. They have cycled tandem here for 40 years and look forward to sharing their love of this wonderful cycling countryside. Our lodgings are at comfortable quality hotels with character and history.

We start our tour in the town of Wimborne in the pretty county of Dorset. We can join British CTC cyclists on a ride through 'old world' villages. We lodge at a homely city center hotel in Sherborne where we can view the family home of Sir Walter Raleigh. We continue through Glastonbury to a night stop in the charming cathedral city of Wells.

With a full day in Bath you will be led on a memorable walking tour of this stunning World Heritage city – the Roman Baths, Abbey and spectacular Royal Crescent. Our tour then visits Longleat, the glorious stately home of the Marquis of Bath, where we take morning coffee. We then ride to the wonderful gardens at Stourhead before finishing our ride in the Saxon hill town of Shaftesbury.

At Salisbury you can climb the spire of England's tallest cathedral. Join us on a guided history walk of this fascinating city. Then we will cycle or bus to see the prehistory marvel of Stonehenge.

We reach the English Channel at the intriguing harbour village of Lymington. We take a short ferry ride to the Isle of Wight to cycle this pretty 'bicycle island'. You will visit the village of Cowes which is so well known to the world's yaghting fraternity.

Cycling the New Forest ('New' in 1215AD) with its cute wild ponies, brings us back to Wimborne for our celebration supper at the Kings Head hotel. Before packing the tandems there should be time to tour the 1300 year old Minster cathedral with its Astronomic clock and 'Chain Library' of ancient books.



Note:

This tour description is for illustration only and will be modified as necessary.

**Badbury Rings is 5000 years old and was occupied from the Stone Age until the Roman time.**

**If you have not yet cycled in England this is a must do tour.****GENERAL GUIDELINES**

- This is not an easy tour. England has many, many hills, some of which are quite steep. We rode the length of Great Brittan a couple of years ago. This was our most difficult tour ever – a lot harder than going over the Pyrenees.
- The luggage vehicle is a luggage vehicle, not a sag wagon. However, in the event of an emergency, it will be used as required. Plan on riding every day, even in the rain.
- Since we're not paying for "hand-holding" service, don't expect it. For instance, you'll probably have to carry your own luggage to and from your room.
- Riders will start at each day at a time of their choosing; don't expect a mass start. Don't expect to follow other riders. Follow the map! You'll be provided Cue Sheets and a Digital Map.
- You'll have to find your own lunch spot. You're only problem will be to determine which pub has the best grub.
- We'll have a social hour each night to review the day's events and discuss tomorrow's route. We'll share the responsibility of providing snacks for the happy hour.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- This tour is for adult tandem teams only.
- Tandem teams must be experienced cyclists. Organizers reserve the right to reject applications from teams who don't have the necessary experience and/or level of cycling.
- Until March 31, 2006, priority will be given to DATES members. After March 31, we'll open it up to tandem friends – other Texas clubs and people who have participated in our SWTR tours in 2000 or 2005.

**PRIORITY SCHEDULING**

The tour is limited to 15 teams. Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Your \$500 deposit holds a spot. (Check payable to Brenda Cole and mailed to 922 Easton Place, Dallas 75218). If we receive more than 15 teams, the others will be placed on a wait-list. Schedule is as follows:

- Feb 27 – March 31, 2006 – DATES members only.
- March 31 – June 1, 2006 – HATS and SWTR Pre-Tour members welcome
- June 1 – Final list.

**COSTS**

- Estimated costs are \$4,200 to \$5,000 per team. This will be determined by the Pound Sterling to U.S. Dollar conversion and the number of participants. The tour is being run on a "non-profit" basis and any excess refunds will be reimbursed after the tour.

**WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- 12 nights lodging (You pay for lodging in London after the tour.)
- 12 breakfasts
- 6 dinners
- luggage van & driver
- Local British guide
- Scouting the route
- Transfers for you and your tandem to and from Heathrow airport
- Maps and Route Sheets



Commercial companies provide luxury and many services but you pay for them. This proposed tour is similar to the Bicycle Adventure Club tours that we go on. We take our bikes and handle our own luggage. We stay in comfortable, but not luxury, hotels. But this makes the trips affordable – one third to one half the cost of a commercial tour.

Typical cost of European tours (\$ **per person** per night)

- Trek Travel \$650
- Backroads \$540 - \$740 (depending on the level of accommodations)
- Santana \$355
- DATES \$175 - \$210

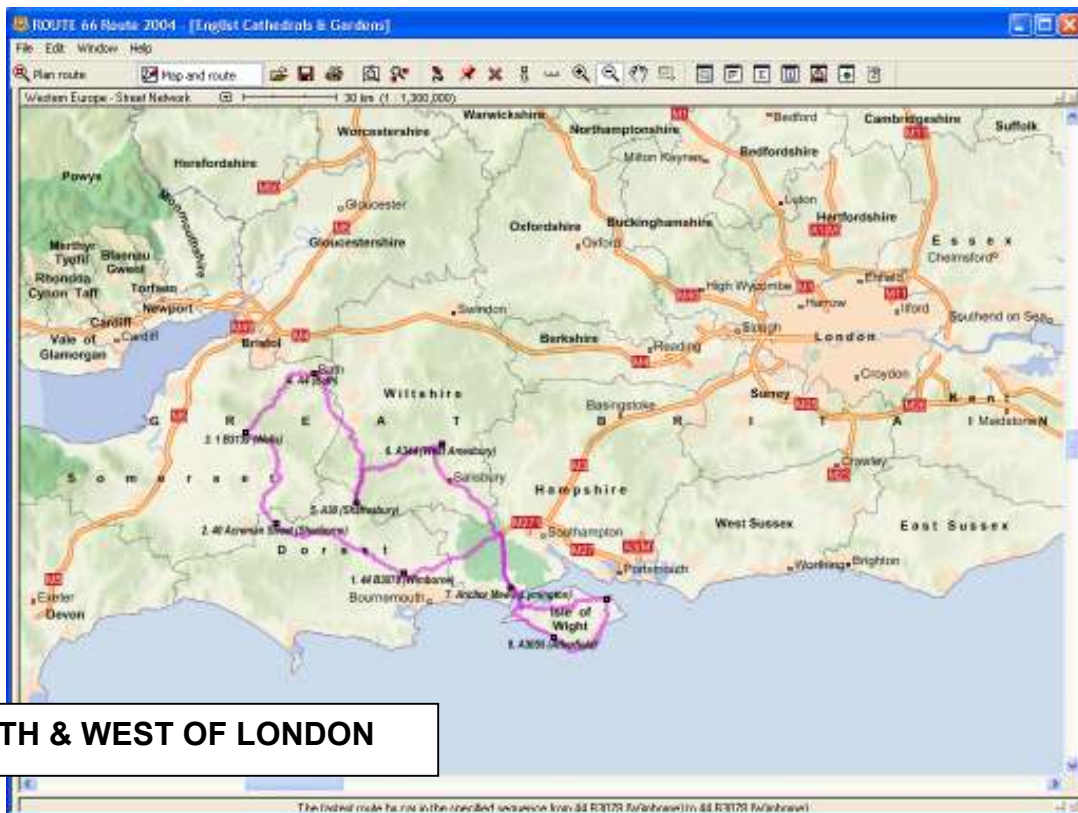
**PAYMENT SCHEDULE (per team)<sup>1</sup>**

- \$500 now holds your spot.
- \$1,500 Oct 1, 2006 confirms your reservation.
- \$1,500 Jan 1, 2006 reaffirms your reservation
- \$1,500 March 1, 2007 completes your payments.

**CANCELLATION POLICY (per team)**

- Until June 1, 2006, if you cancel, you'll forfeit \$100.
- From June 1, 2006 until April 1, 2007, you will be assessed a \$100 penalty plus charges which other riders may incur due to your cancellation if a replacement cannot be found. For instance, if we have 15 teams and you cancel (now 14 teams), the fixed costs to the others increase and you would be assessed a penalty of an additional \$150. Total cancellation in this example would be \$250.

- Starting April 1, 2007, you may or may not be reimbursed for cancelled lodging, depending on (1) whether or not we can find a replacement for you and (2) the cancellation policies of the hotels.



**DATES TOUR – SOUTH & WEST OF LONDON**

<sup>1</sup> Dollar amount may vary as we get more information.

**ITINERARY**

Date	Hotel	Cycle	Visit	High Spot	Miles
Sat 6/23			Depart Dallas		
Sun 6/24	Wimborne	Bus to Wimborne	Assemble bikes	Warm up ride	15
Mon 6/25	Wimborne	CTC club ride	Compton airfield and Ebb Valley	Traditional English high tea	45
Tue 6/26	Sherborne	Wimborne to Sherborne	Bulbarrow viewpoint	Tour Sherborne Abbey	50
Wed 6/27	Wells	Sherbourne to Wells	Cadbury Castle and Glastonbury	Tour Wells Cathedral	40
Thu 6/28	Bath	Wells to Bath	Lovely Gardens	Rails to Trails	45
				Walk the World Heretage city	
Fri 6/29	Bath	Rest Day	Roman Baths and Royal Crescent		
Sat 6/30	Shaftesbury	Bath to Shaftesbury	Longleat mansion and gardens	Stourhead gardens	50
Sun 7/01	Salisbury	Shaftesbury to Salisbury	Old Wardour castle and Wilton House	Country lanes and villages	50
Mon 7/02	Salisbury	Rest Day	Stonehenge and Old Sarum	Salisbury Cathedral	
Tue 7/03	Lymington	Salisbury to Lymington	Cycle through 'New Forest'	Lymington Yaghting resort	50
Wed 7/04	Lymington	Isle of Wight	Cycle the 'Bicycle Island'	Ferry across the Solent	40
Thu 7/05	Wimborne	Lymington to Wimborne	Country lanes and villages	Celebration supper	50
				Hotel at Heathrow or London	
Fri 7/06			Pack bikes for 2pm bus to London	TdF past Buckingham Palace	
Sat 7/07			Tour de France prologue Or Return to Dallas		
Sun 7/08			Tour de France Day 1 Or Return to Dallas	Watch T de F start	
Mon 7/09			Final flight to Dallas		

NOTE: Riders can return to Dallas on July 7, July 8 or July 9 – or later.

**BBC SPORT**

**London to host start of 2007 Tour de France**

It is the third time the Tour has visited England but the first time it has ventured into the capital.

London will host two stages, the first a prologue in the city centre on 7 July with the second starting in London before heading south through Kent.

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The route has yet to be finalized but landmarks such as Buckingham Palace and Trafalgar Square will be featured.

**Sign up for DATES Email Distribution List**

Receive up-to-the-minute information about scheduled & impromptu rides and other events and matters of interest to cyclists in general and tandem riders in particular. Go to web page [groups.yahoo.com/group/DATES1](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DATES1) and click on "Join This Group" in the upper right corner of the panel, then click on "Sign Up Now" to go to the sign up page. If you need assistance in signing up, e-mail Warren Casteel at [warren@casteelsign.com](mailto:warren@casteelsign.com).



# **FRESH DATES**

**Team Sterling  
Allen, TX**

**Captain:** Steve  
**Stoker:** Marietta  
**Joined DATES:** December 2005  
**How long have you been cycling?**  
**Captain:** Approx 6 months  
**Stoker:** Approx 3 months  
**How long tandeming?** Approx 3 months  
**Why did you start riding tandem?** Wife couldn't keep up on single MTBs  
**What kind of tandem do you ride?** 2005 Co-Motion Speedster  
**How often do you ride?** At least once per week, more if possible  
**How far?** 40 miles  
**Favorite Ride?** So far we like the PBA Saturday eastside ride  
**Usual route/area?** PBA Saturday eastside ride  
**Where/How did you hear about Double DATES?**  
 Google  
**Anything else you'd like your new club members to know about you?** We like to ride!!! Call us if you want ride buddies.

**Team Barker  
McKinney, TX**

**Captain:** Michael Barker  
**Stoker:** Suzanne (Mathews) Barker (as of 3-12-06)  
**Joined DATES:** February 2006  
**How long have you been cycling?**  
**Captain:** 4 years  
**Stoker:** 10-12 years  
**How long tandeming?** 1 year  
**Why did you start riding tandem?** We love cycling together and we are not always at the same level of speed and fitness.  
**What kind of tandem do you ride?** Green and Purple Co-Motion Robusta (the Joker)  
**How often do you ride?** As often as possible  
**How far?** Varies  
**Favorite Ride?** MS150  
**Usual route/area?** PBA 8:00 Ride  
**Where/How did you hear about Double DATES?**  
 Nails/Mumbys  
**Anything else you'd like your new club members to know about you?** WE ARE GETTING MARRIED ON MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>..

**DATES CLASSIFIEDS**

**FOR SALE:**  
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**MINUTES:** DATES Annual Meeting Sunday, February 19, 2006

**LOCATION:** Bugatti's Restaurant, 3802 W Northwest Hwy, Dallas, TX 75220

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Teams: Vinson, Hudson/Croy, Kemp, Jenkins, McManus/Cole, Logan

**WEBMASTER:** Kevin Vinson

**OTHERS:** More than 50 DATES members were in attendance

**OUTLINE:** Opening 7:30 – John McManus (temporary coordinator)  
 John promptly turned the meeting over to Roane & Juanita Logan.  
 New business  
 Reports  
 Next Meeting  
 Adjournment

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Five new member teams introduced themselves.
- Nominations were offered by Chris Carlson as follows:
  - DATES Coordinators: Roane and Juanita Logan
  - Website/Membership: Kevin and Linda Vinson
  - Secretary: Harry and Janette Thompson
  - Treasurer: John McManus and Brenda Cole
  - Ride Coordinators: Bruce Hudson and Carol Croy
  - Newsletter: Charlie and Pat Jenkins
- A motion was moved and seconded to accept the nominations. It passed unanimously.

**REPORTS:**

**Membership:** Linda Vinson reported 87 teams in 2005 with 7 honorary and 4 new. Presently 54 renewals and 8 honorary as ex-coordinators Hunt was added.

**Rides:** Carol Croy recalled 30 DATES sponsored 2005 riding events with 22 ride hosts and 3 first time ride leaders. License plates were awarded to all ride leaders. Carol posed the issue of numerous rides with low turnouts.  
 John McManus promoted a special 2 week nonprofit Southern England Castles and Gardens tour June/July 2007. Tour is limited to 15 teams. Reservations are 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served. DATES members receive top priority until March 31. \$500 deposit.  
 Tom Shaddox promoted the Stoker Appreciation Ride at Weatherford TX (4/1/06).

**Newsletter:** Jenkins no report.

**Secretary:** Kemp no report.

**Treasurer:** John McManus gave treasurer's report

**Thank You:** Roane thanked 2005 officers and recognized Rick and Kay Watson, organizers of the 2006 Southwest Tandem Rally in Ardmore OK.

**Next Meeting:** Rusty Tether will host next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:30.

**Next Business Meeting →** Sunday, April 9, 2006  
 Rusty Tether's home  
 2200 Southern Circle, Carrollton, TX 75006

# Double DATES



# Wants YOU

Now is the time for YOU to lead a ride. You CAN do it! Leading a ride isn't hard. You probably already have most everything you need.

1. Pick a route. Even the route that you ride all the time will be something new and different for many others in the club. Or use an existing route. Many of the long time members will be happy to help you pick a route.
2. Pick a date and contact the Ride Coordinators to get it on the calendar. There are NO rules about when DATES rides occur. DATES rides may be any day of the week and any hour of the day. It is completely up to the ride leader.
3. Prepare a cue sheet and map. This is really just a matter of driving (or riding) the route to get the mileage and make sure you have all the street names and turns accurately recorded. If you're using an existing route, the cue sheet may already exist.
4. Provide a notice about your ride to the newsletter editor and ride coordinator.
5. Scout the route a week or so in advance of the ride date just to find out if any of the roads are under construction or any other unexpected conditions now exist.
6. On the day of the ride, pass out the cue sheets and maps and give the pre-ride briefing where you alert the group to any construction or any other conditions they should be aware of while they are riding. Then get the ride started.
7. Make sure everyone who starts the ride also finishes the ride. Hopefully this can all be done by cell phone, but occasionally it may mean driving the route to assist a broken down bike.
8. There is NO requirement for pre or post ride activities. If you want to suggest a restaurant for breakfast, lunch or dinner, that's entirely up to you.
9. There is NO requirement for rest stops. However, if your route does not include access to convenience stores, this should be noted in your ride notice so everyone can come prepared. If you want to provide sport drink, energy bars, etc., the club will reimburse you up to \$25 when you submit your receipts to the treasurer.
10. Have FUN! After all, that's the whole idea.

Contact Carol Croy or Bruce Hudson (214-320-8708, HudsonCroy@sbcglobal.net) to put your ride on the ride calendar TODAY!

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Pasadena Rose Parade visit & ride  
Roane & Juanita Logan



The 1972 song lyrics are spot on. “It never rains in California, but girl don’t they warn ya’it pours. Man it pours.” Monsoon-like even during this year’s Rose Bowl Parade. We packed the tandem for a visit to Pasadena to see Roane’s daughter Learden, husband Carl, new grandson Wolfgang, and the Rose Parade, which was held on a Monday (January 2) this year. Learden lives on the Rose Parade route 2 blocks from the televised big turn at Orange Grove and Colorado Blvd.

The ride was rained out on Saturday, but we took off Sunday under cloudy cool weather for parts unknown. We headed out riding down an arroyo to the Rose Bowl and were lucky to find volunteers were **still** decorating the floats, just one day before the parade. The aroma from the smell of fresh flowers in the tents where the floats were being decorated was overwhelming. By far the most impressive float was from Honda with a Statue of Liberty made with eucalyptus leaves, twin eagles and a large American Flag. It takes a Japanese company to have the most patriotic float—go figure. Harry Thompson would have been proud.

It’s a 3 mile ride just to get around the Rose Bowl, and it really is a bowl. No matter which way you go, you climb up out of the park. Thankfully at Juanita’s suggestion, Roane changed to a lower gear cassette. The hills are challenging for the off-season. The residential streets are covered with tropical flowers in bloom. Birds of paradise flowers are abundant. For you Batman fans, Bruce Wayne’s stately mansion, of the 60s Batman show, is nearby. (FYI—the mansion burned a couple of months ago, but the grounds are still beautiful.)

Pasadena is a bike friendly town with many cyclists. We had a great time, but with a Saturday rainout, we’re not sure the 2 hour ride was worth the cumulative 5 hours of taking the bike apart and putting it back together. We recommend a ride around Pasadena – just don’t go during the winter monsoon season.

**2006 DOUBLE DATES RENEWAL**

It is time to renew your membership. Renew NOW and participate with DATES members in 2006.

1. Fill in the name and address information below. (PLEASE PRINT)
2. Read and sign the Liability Release. All riders over the age of 18 must sign.
3. Make out a check for \$18.00 payable to "DOUBLE DATES"
4. Send your renewal form to:

Kevin & Linda Vinson  
7013 Fox Drive  
The Colony, Texas 75056-4458

Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Stoker: \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- Check here to receive an electronic version of DATES-LINE newsletter; hard copy will not be mailed.
- Check here if you are interested in becoming a "Bike Buddy" to a new member team.

**LIABILITY RELEASE**

All riders must sign a waiver of claim below to become members of DOUBLE DATES. Parents or guardians must sign for riders under 18 years of age.

I acknowledge that by signing this document, I am releasing the DOUBLE DATES, its members, officers, and agents from liability. This release is a contract with legal consequences, and I have read it carefully before signing.

I acknowledge that cycling is an inherently dangerous sport and fully realize the dangers of participating in group rides. I fully assume the risks associated with such participation.

For myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, assignees, and successors in interest (collectively "Successors"), I hereby waive, release, discharge, hold harmless, promise not to sue, and indemnify the Dallas Area Tandem Enthusiasts, its members, ride leaders and officers (collectively the "Released Parties") from any and all rights and claims including claims arising from the released parties' own negligence, gross negligence or intentional conduct, which I have or which may hereafter accrue to me, and from any and all damages which may be sustained by me directly or indirectly in connection with, or arising out of, my participation in or association with an event sponsored by Dallas Area Tandem Enthusiasts.

I understand and agree that situations may arise during a ride, which may be beyond the immediate control of the leader(s), and I must continually ride so as to endanger neither others nor myself. I accept responsibility for the conditions and adequacy of my own bicycle equipment. I will wear a helmet that satisfies the requirements of the ANSI Snell regulations that can protect against serious head injury, and I assume all responsibility and liability for the selection of such a helmet. I have no physical or medical condition, which to my knowledge would endanger others or myself if I participate in Dallas Area Tandem Enthusiasts rides or would interfere with my ability to participate in such rides. I agree that should I or my successors assert my claim in contravention of this agreement, the asserting party shall be liable for the expenses (including legal fees) incurred by the other party or parties in defending.

I understand that a parent or responsible adult must accompany all riders under the age of 18 on any Dallas Area Tandem Enthusiasts ride. If I am a minor, my parent or guardian also is signing on my behalf and we both agree to be bound by the terms of this waiver and release.

SIGNATURES OF ALL RIDERS

\_\_\_\_\_, Captain                      Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Stoker                        Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Other rider                Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, Other rider                Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*DATES Rides and Activities*

<b>RIDE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>START TIME</b>	<b>START PLACE</b>	<b>RIDE HOST</b>	<b>PHONE # / EMAIL</b>	<b>DISTANCE</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
<b>Grayson County Spring Thaw</b>	Saturday March 4	Meet 9:30, Ride at 10:00 AM	Loy Lake Park Hwy 75, exit #67 Denison, TX	Charlie & Pat Jenkins	903-463-1516 903-624-9744 <a href="mailto:dates@ntsk8.com">dates@ntsk8.com</a>	26, 41 or 62	First 18 miles is <b>NO-DROP</b> . After 20 miles, choose your distance & ride at your preferred pace
<b>Westward Ho</b>	Sunday, March 12	10:00 AM	Wells Fargo Bank 101 Jim Wright Fwy N SE corner of Loop 820 & White Settlement Rd Fort Worth, TX	Ronnie & Nanette Bryant	817-680-9404 <a href="mailto:RonnieRBryant@hotmail.com">RonnieRBryant@hotmail.com</a>	30 or 50 miles or more	
<b>St Patrick's Day Ride</b>	Sunday, March 19	9:00 AM	Lancaster Town Square, Hwy 342 & Main Street Lancaster, TX	Bruce Hudson & Carol Croy	214-320-8708 <a href="mailto:HudsonCroy@sbcglobal.net">HudsonCroy@sbcglobal.net</a>	25, 41 or 60 miles	
<b>Stoker Appreciation Ride</b>	Sat - Sun, Apr 1 & 2, 2006	8:00 AM	Weatherford, TX	Tom & Brenda Shaddox	<a href="mailto:res1rrzj@verizon.net">res1rrzj@verizon.net</a>	65 miles each day	Captains - make your motel or B&B reservations in Glen Rose, write your poems and chill the champagne. RSVP
<b>Pete's Redneck Heaven Ride</b>	Sunday, April 9	TBD	TBD	Pete Holverson & Laura Roberts			
<b>DATES Meeting &amp; Social</b>	Sunday, April 9	5:30 PM	Home of Russell Tether 2200 Southern Circle Carrollton, TX 75006	Rusty Tether			RSVP Bring a side dish or dessert to share
<b>2006 Southwest Tandem Rally</b>	Fri - Sun April 28 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> , '06	TBA	Lake Murray Lodge in Ardmore, Oklahoma.	Rick & Kay Watson	Registration: 903-463-1516 <a href="mailto:swtr@ntsk8.com">swtr@ntsk8.com</a>	TBA	For detail information, visit <a href="http://www.doubledates.com/swtr2006.html">www.doubledates.com/swtr2006.html</a>
<b>Arlington to Venus</b>	Sun, May 7	TBA	TBD	Steve & Donna Bishop			
<b>2006 DATES Century Ride (The Mountain Course)</b>	Sunday, Sept 24, 2006	TBA	TBA	Tom & Brenda Shaddox	<a href="mailto:res1rrzj@verizon.net">res1rrzj@verizon.net</a>	TBA	Watch website & newsletter



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